



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tsukasa Hashino, et al.
Serial No. : 10/659,231
Filed : September 10, 2003
For : ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS
Examiner : Anand Shashikant Rao
Art Unit : 2621

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	21	Minus	** = 21	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	6	Minus	*** = 6	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.

☒ This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☒ petition for extension of time.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

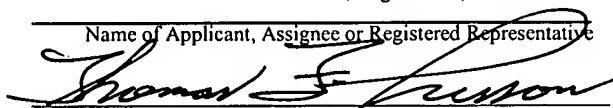
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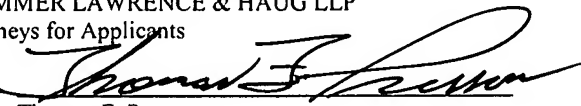

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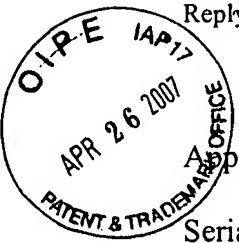
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 18, 2007, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension-of-time, extending the period for response to May 18, 2007. Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$120.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.